

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

What is Being Done by the People at Home—Various Items From Every Section of the Emerald Isle.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

Ten of the largest vessels in the world, representing 100,000 tons, are being fitted up or overhauled in Belfast harbor. These are the White Star liner Oceanic, 19,000 tons; the Germanic, 19,000 tons; the P. and O. liner China, 10,000 tons; the Dominion liner Cambrian, 9,000; the Leyland liner Winifreda, 9,000; the Allan liner Persia, 7,000; the London steamer Sandusky, 8,000; and the new Chinese vessel Pingney, 9,000 tons.

The funeral of the late Mr. James Dowling, Derrybirk, took place May 28, in the cemetery of Anghagallon, and was numerously attended. For many years the deceased was a member of the old Lurgan board of guardians, and at the recent election of the rural district council he was elected unopposed for the Anghagallon division. Previous to interment the remains were in the chapel at Anghagallon, where the prayers for the dead were recited and a touching panegyric delivered by Rev. C. Malone.

On May 27 a number of Orange bands paraded Royal avenue, Donegal street and Crumlin road, Belfast, playing party tunes. When a Sandy row band was proceeding up Donegal street stones were thrown at the shop windows of Miss Skiffington, Catholic newspaper. Passing the jail on the Crumlin road, stones were thrown at it. The police then charged the followers of the band down Clifton street into Donegal street again, and the crowd attacked with stones the shop of John Carvill, in the window of which were Catholic pictures, statues, etc. Here the police were reinforced and charged the crowd in earnest, and before a free use of batons the rowdies fled. No arrests were made.

Some of the crowd got out heads from police batons. On Sunday afternoon Custom House square was filled with thousands of persons to listen to the harangues of Mr. Traw and such like "evangelists of peace," and from 3 o'clock till 5 the place was a scene of terrible rowdiness. Several by-standers, not in sympathy with Orangemen, were set upon, but were rescued by the police. The latter were then attacked by the mob, and stones were freely thrown at them. The police had to draw batons and use them with effect, but the mob returned again and again to the attack. Six men were arrested, and they will be charged with riot. On Sunday evening a man named Armstrong was arrested in Carrick Hill, when a crowd collected and attacked the police with stones, this continuing all the way to Glenravel street barracks, where Armstrong was lodged. And yet some persons talk about a blending of Orange and Green.

ARMAGH.

A terrible accident occurred on the railway road, near Armagh, recently, by which James Anderson, aged 19, lost his life. Deceased, who was in the employment of Mr. James A. Wilson, a farmer, Tullybaron, near Benburb, came into Armagh market with a load of pork and was proceeding home in the evening with a load of young pigs, and was subsequently found on the roadside with the reins entwined around his feet, the horse at a standstill. He was not dead, and the gentleman who made the discovery had him conveyed to the County Infirmary, where he died soon after admission.

CAVAN.

The Land Sub-Commissioners delivered judgments in 283 cases recently heard in counties of Cavan, Monaghan, Tyrone and Armagh. The full particulars are not yet known, but it is supposed that the reductions, though in the tenants' favor, are not so substantial as they ought to be. Values of all agricultural products have fallen considerably, but the rents have not fallen in proportion.

DERRY.

Mr. McInley presided at a recent meeting of the Belfast Gaelic League which was unanimously attended. Mr. Barry announced that he had received per Miss Johnson, the sum of £1 from Captain Hassan, of the United States army, as a subscription toward the organization of his native county of Derry on behalf of the Gaelic movement. The committee desired Mr. Barry to convey to Captain Hassan their hearty thanks for his practical patriotism. Mr. Michael Conway, of Derry, wrote, giving much valuable information about the Irish speaking districts of Derry and Tyrone. In many parts the children are bilingual and in a number of parishes the adults can all speak Irish. Mr. Duncan, of Coleraine, wrote suggesting that, in anticipation of the organized attempt to awake the Gaelic-speaking people of Ulster, which will be made during the coming summer, advertisements be inserted in the Northern papers calling upon all who are interested and willing to help to forward their names to a selected centre. The secretary was instructed to advertise with a view of effecting the union of the isolated students of Gaelic all over the province. He was also directed to communicate with Coleraine and Derry by subject.

TYRONE.

The parish priest of Beragh in 1894 was Rev. James Smith, and the assistant priest was Rev. Michael Hughes. Address, Beragh, Omagh.

lary. The question of teaching Irish in the local schools was considered and resolutions were adopted as to having it taught to the children. The best hope for its preservation is in having the children speak and write it in the schools.

DONEGAL.

The Irish language movement is having great help from the people in Donegal. The liveliest and most practical interest is being taken in the revival of the Irish language by all. Many branches of the Gaelic League have been founded, and many more are being established. Soon the grand old tongue of Erin will be heard in the glens and on the mountains of this grand old Irish county.

DOWN.

On May 27, Most Rev. Dr. McGivern, Bishop of Down, paid his annual visitation to Ballinahinch for the purpose of administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. He celebrated Mass on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, at which there was a very large number of communicants. He preached an eloquent sermon after last Mass. The examination of the children for Confirmation commenced at 2 o'clock. Their answering reflected the highest credit on the teachers and Rev. Father Doyle and Rev. Father Quill. On Monday morning the children for first communion received the Holy Eucharist from the hands of the Bishop, after which he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A Mass was opened in St. John's church, Gifford, on Sunday, May 27, by Father Marcellus of the Missionist Order, Holy Cross, Ardoyne. After 11.30 o'clock Mass was celebrated by Father Campbell, Tullylish, Father Marcellus preached, the opening sermon, taking as his text the words, "Going, therefore, teach ye all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." The evening services commenced at 6 o'clock with the rosary by Father Byrne. Father Marcellus again preached a very eloquent sermon on "Sin." The mission continued during the week.

FERMANAGH.

In the Queen's Bench Division, D. H. M. T. M. Healy, Q. C., M. P. obtained six conditional orders of quo warranto to try the validity of the co-option of three county councillors under the local government act from the grand jury of the county of Fermanagh, and also the election of the chairman of the council. The majority of the Fermanagh council chose as their chairman John Erna Crichton, K. P., fourth earl of Erna, who was born in 1839. He entered political life in 1868 as a member for Enniskillen, which borough he represented until 1880. Then he was elected for Fermanagh county, which he represented until 1885, when he succeeded to the title. The earl's peerage dates from 1768, when Abraham Creighton was created Baron Erna, of Crom castle. Abraham's son John assumed the name of Crichton, probably because an admirable personage so styled existed at an earlier period. The present earl has always taken an interest in the affairs of his native county.

The annual meeting of the Enniskillen branch of the Arch Confraternity of the Holy Family was held in the Catholic reading rooms lately, the spiritual director, Rev. James E. McKenna, C. C., M. R. I. A., presiding. The secretary (Mr. F. Jones) read the annual report, which was of a very satisfactory nature. The election of officers was then proceeded with and the men elected gave general satisfaction to all.

At the meeting of the Fermanagh county council recently, the Right Hon. the Earl of Erna, chairman, presiding, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. J. Jordan, M. P., and passed unanimously: "That in view of the fact in very many cases when the lowest tender is declared accepted the parties tendering and their sureties never appear, and it is often so with the second lowest tender, and so on until ultimately there is no option but to accept the highest tender, and considering the suspicion and dissatisfaction existing among the ratepayers in reference to these transactions, and further considering the necessity of remedying this evil, it is hereby resolved that any party who has tendered and refuses to accept the contract when declared and their tender accepted, shall be in future ineligible for any contract in the county during following seven years."

MONAGHAN.

Clones Urban Council consists of Mr. Francis Maguire, chairman; Messrs. Patrick Tracey, Peter McCahey, John Black, Richard McPhillips, James Kelly, E. Brady, town clerk; F. Maguire, J. McKenna, J. Smyth and J. Robinson. The names of these men are so many guarantees that the business of the council will be well attended to and justice done to all.

Monaghan is doing its duty towards preserving the Irish language. The good, patriotic people in the parishes of Clones and Currin have subscribed £10 and £5, respectively, to the national fund for the revival of the grand old language of Erin.

MUNSTER.

A circulating library has been opened in the united parishes of

Bodyke and Tomraney by the Rev. E. Breen, C. C., Tomraney.

The "Rock Tree," Tomraney, is still a favorite place of meeting. It is now in full bloom. During the summer season, says a local organ, strangers come from all parts to view this wonder. Few know the specimen of tree to which it belongs. Under its shady branches the Tomraney parliament assemblies every evening to discuss the daily occurrences and to comment on the recent local government elections and the doings of the district councillors.

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Michael Cahill, at Deerpark house, on May 22. The Office and High Mass were celebrated in Doors; the interment was in Coole cemetery. Two sons, Revs. T. J. and J. Cahill, are priests in Wilcania, N. S. W.; in the same diocese two of his daughters, Sisters M. Peter and M. Gertrude Cahill, consecrated themselves to God, while a third, Miss Tilly Cahill, is following their example, a third son also, Rev. W. Cahill, is studying for the priesthood in All Hallows' college, Dublin. When one thinks of all this one cannot be surprised at the calm and holy confidence that was his to the last—a fitting termination to a life fraught with many good works. At the High Mass the celebrant was: Rev. P. O'Lea, Doors; deacon, Rev. M. Carey, Doors; sub-deacon, Rev. M. J. Tully, Lisconnor in the choir were: Very Rev. J. White, O. S. F., Ennis; Very Rev. P. Burke, Diocesan College, Ennis; Rev. M. Foley, Clondegad; Rev. T. A. Moloney, O. S. F., Ennis.

CORK.

The Cork county council have offered a prize for a design for their new seal, and have consulted with the Gaelic League with a view to having the inscription on the seal in Gaelic lettering. It is hoped the county council will have the inscription in the Gaelic character.

On Trinity Saturday James J. Hurley, son of Mr. Thomas Hurley, Ballinacraig Cottage, Killisheg, brother of the Rev. Timothy J. Hurley, Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Chicago, and nephew of the late Very Rev. David McKinry, S. J., president of the Immaculate Conception College, was ordained priest by Archbishop Capetti, Patriarch of Antioch in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, Rome. Father Hurley commenced his ecclesiastical education at Mount Melary Seminary, County Waterford, and completed his studies at the Gregorian University, Rome. He left for home a few days after ordination.

At the conclusion of the 12 o'clock Mass in Douglas Church, May 28, Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a hundred children, boys and girls, belonging to the parish. Among the number confirmed were three converts. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. Canon T. Murray, Douglas, Canon Cotter, V. F., Kinsale, Canon James Fleming, St. Finbar's West, Rev. Father Carey, Carrigrohane, Rev. Father Long, Douglas, Rev. Thomas Fleming, Mayfield.

TIPPERARY.

Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, recently visited Powerstown and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a great number of children. During the ceremony the following clergy attended: Rev. J. Everard, Rev. P. Doucey, and Rev. N. Walsh.

The Feast of Corpus Christi was observed in Thurles with all the ceremony due to such a festival. The Cathedral was beautifully decorated and the grounds of St. Patrick's College, through which the procession passed, were fitted out with banners, etc. At 12 o'clock Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral and immediately afterward the procession was formed and wended its way through the College avenue. It was headed by the children of the Presentation Convent schools, followed by the pupils of the Ursuline Convent, after whom came the Children of Mary. The pupils of these schools were dressed in white. Next in order, came the Women's Sacred Heart Confraternity, followed by the pupils of the Academy. The children of the Christian Brothers' schools marched next, wearing sashes and badges of the Sacred Heart. These were followed by Men's Confraternity of the Holy Family and choir. The students of St. Patrick's College followed, chanting hymns, after whom came the clergy, bearing the Most Holy Sacrament. The procession having reached the College grounds, Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament was given in the open, after which it proceeded to the rear of the college, where an altar was erected, and again Solemn Benediction was given in the presence of 10,000 persons.

WATERFORD.

Members of the Redemptorist Order from Limerick are giving a mission in Dungarvan. The religious exercises are attended by great numbers.

The feast of Corpus Christi was observed at Lismore by a procession of the societies. It was headed by the banner of the Society of the Sacred Heart, borne by John and Patricia Wall, after which came the others marching two deep; then followed the Children of Mary, carrying lighted tapers and singing hymns. Immediately before the Blessed Sacrament came a number of little children. The procession was on the chapel grounds and the Blessed Sacrament was borne by the Rev. J. Casey. Father Spratt marshalled all, assisted by Mr. James Broderick. The canopy was carried by R. J. Collender, Thomas Keane, James Hogan and John Morrissey.

The Waterford association in New York city has taken up the matter of having the statue of General Thomas Francis Meagher in some room at the

pictures of the brutal and persecuting kings in the council chamber; with the kings of England. This keeping of the kings in the council chamber with the picture of Meagher is a flagrant violation of a solemn agreement made between the donors and the corporate body of Waterford. Waterford men in New York would take a deeper interest in this matter, but they believe the people of Waterford endorse the action of the members of the corporate body. They have not taken action to reverse the work of its local governing council. If the people of Waterford are indifferent, why should people in New York trouble themselves about it?

A largely attended meeting was held at Kilcash on May 28, to organize athletic sports in July. Thomas O'Donnell was elected president; Thomas Kelly, treasurer; Martin O'Gorman and Thomas O'Connell, secretaries. A subscription list was opened, and contributions were handed. That the matter is in good hands can be seen by the list of those appointed on the committee: Peter O'Donnell, Ballynale; Thomas Walsh, Glenowar; Patrick Walsh, Kilsheehan; Patrick Stokes, Kilmore; E. O'Gorman, Ballyboe; Joe Barnes, G. Gaige, Richard Purcell, Grangebrook, M. Lyons, Grangebrook, Martin Hennessy, P. S. Manning, R. Callinan, John O'Reilly, J. Fleming, John Quinlan, Bryan O'Donnell, Patrick Ryan, Nicholas Tobin, Edmond O'Donnell, John Kehoe, E. O'Reilly, Jr., John O'Connell, James Walsh, Richard Hyland, M. Brennan, Thomas O'Neill, John Nolan and Peter Tobin.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Mr. E. Murphy, mayor of Clonme, County Tipperary, is a native of Carlow. He was mayor of Clonmel ten years ago also.

On May 21 the two weeks' renewal mission of the Redemptorist Fathers was closed. It was truly edifying to witness the multitudes attending morning and evening services. A most impressive scene was witnessed when the Superior Father Giffith (who was a curate in the parish twenty-five years ago) ascended the pulpit to preach the closing sermon. Then, indeed, a scene of religious fervor was witnessed when the Rev. Father made some touching allusions to his ministrations amongst them in his youthful days—how happy he felt in returning after a quarter of a century to labor amongst them again to find the seeds sown a year ago bearing such abundant fruit. Benediction and the Papal Blessing then followed, and a scene that will be long and reverently remembered was brought to a close.

DUBLIN.

The remains of the late Rev. Br. C. F. Clifford were interred in Glasnevin cemetery on June 6. The esteem and respect entertained for the deceased was evidenced by the concourse of citizens in the funeral procession. Over four hundred of the pupils of the Christian schools, Westland row, all wearing mourning badges, followed by a large number of ex-pupils, walked in front of the hearse. A long line of carriages containing the clergy, the members of the Christian Brothers' Order, and the general public, followed. Arrived at the cemetery, at the special request of the ex-pupils, the coffin was borne by them to the grave. At the grave the last prayers were recited by the Rev. P. Coffey, and at the conclusion the Benedictus was beautifully rendered by a special choir of the clergy.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

KERNAN—May 28, at 67 Harcourt street, Michael Gough Kernan, aged 67 years.
McQuill—May 27, at Crewdson Slane, Joseph McQuill, Pound, Slane.
MAGUIRE—May 28, at Collinstown New Ross, Mary Rose (Felly) aged 28. Mayor street, North Wall.
O'CONNOR—May 25, at South street House, Sanry, Francis Maguire, 25 years, beloved wife of C. O'Connor, surveyor's department, G. P. O., and eldest daughter of Patrick Bolger, J. P., New Ross.

PLUNKETT—May 28, at 3 Cumberland place, North Circular road, at an advanced age, James Plunkett, solicitor, late of 23 Upper Sackville street.
BUCKLEY—June 1, at the Drumcondra hospital, Lizzie Buckley, of 151 Cloncliff road, aged 14 years.

HAYDEN—April 23, at Kalgoolie, Western Australia, Margaret Hayden, Sugar Loaf, Morette, Queen's county.
KING—May 31, at Knockdillon, Knockbridge, Mary C. King.

MOORE—May 31, at 61 Serpentine avenue, Sandy Point, Maria Moore.
SAGE—May 31, at 22 Malbot street, Mary Sage, aged 45 years.

SEXTON—At Hacketstown, Mary Anne Sexton, Kingstown.

BOLAND—June 2, at Sir Patrick Dun's hospital, John Boland.
BRETT—June 2, at 3 Hawkins street, Anne Brett.
GAULE—June 2, at the Hospice, Haroldscross, Thomas Gaule, Castle street, Dalkey.

JONES—June 1, at the Royal hospital, Donnybrook, Mrs. Anne Jones, of Newtown Park, County Kildare, aged 59 years.
KEANE—June 2, at 1 Annesley place, North Strand, Mary Harriett Keane, aged 20 years.
NOLAN—June 2, 1899, at 103 Townsend street, Martin Nolan, aged 80 years.

KILKENNY.

Mrs. Ellen Crotty, of Parliament street, Kilkenny, died recently, at the age of 76, deeply and widely regretted. Office and High Mass were held in the Cathedral, at which a great number of clergy and laity attended.
Colonel the Hon. Albert Boscawen

De Montmorency died recently at 22 Ryder street, London. He was third son of the late Right Hon. and Very Rev. Hervey De Montmorency, fourth Viscount and Baron Mountmorris, of Castleorris, County Kilkenny.

A meeting of trade and labor representatives was held at the new Trade and Labor Union hall, King street, Kilkenny, lately, to make arrangements for the formal opening of the Trades Council, president. The chairman explained that in cases where there was no organization among certain trades persons belonging to such trades would be eligible for membership. The following officers were elected pro tem: President, Mr. P. Byrne; treasurer, Mr. John McCarthy; secretaries, Messrs. W. Pattison, J. Leiske.

KINGS.

Father McLoughlin's mission in Drogheda was signally successful and was prolonged. A retreat was also given to the people of Banagher, Kings County. On Feast of Corpus Christi he preached on devotion to the Holy Sacrament. After the sermon there was a solemn procession through the grounds adjoining the church. The Blessed Sacrament was borne by Very Rev. Canon Reddy, assisted by Father J. Reilly.

Recently a funeral on the River Shannon, one mile in length, was one of the most impressive and sadly picturesque spectacles probably ever witnessed on the section of the river between Athlone and Banagher. A farmer, Thomas O'Neill, aged 75 years, living at Bloomhill, below Athlone, died suddenly on Sunday, May 21, on returning from Clongown Church, where he attended Mass. The obsequies were very largely attended, the funeral being entirely by water. The farmers and fishermen from all sides of the country attended. The boat containing the remains led the mournful procession, and hundreds of others followed in line, moving down the river to the ancient burial ground of Clonmacnois, where the interment took place.

The death of Mrs. Mary Larkin, mother of Michael Larkin, one of the Manchester martyrs, occurred in Bhr. On June 4 the obsequies were held. Over six thousand persons followed the remains, which were interred in Lismagh Cemetery. The Bhr. Young Men's Society Band led the procession, playing the dead march in "Saul" and Beethoven's Grand March. Next came the hearse, drawn by four horses.

LONGFORD.

The premises in the possession of Mr. John Matthews, merchant, Longford, were recently destroyed by fire. Peter Sands, farmer, residing near Ardee, was arrested lately, charged with threatening to shoot Mr. J. Quinn, J. P., Dromlin House.

MEATH.

Lady Longford is a member of the Trim District Council and a member of the Board of Guardians. Her presence on the Board will do good, as many incidents will occur connected with the Union on which her advice will be of great benefit.

QUEEN'S.

Mrs. Browner of Redcastle died June 5, deeply regretted. The funeral to Clonenagh was numerously attended.

WEXFORD.

Rev. Thomas Cleary, recently ordained, has been appointed to the curacy of Kilarney.
On May 27 George Byrne, Ballinlismagh, Gorey, met with a fatal accident. He rode into Gorey on a young horse. After mounting the horse for the return journey, the animal became restive and dismounted Byrne, who sustained severe internal injuries. He was between 60 and 70 years of age.

WICKLOW.

On May 28 a serious cycling accident occurred in Dunlavin to Rev. Father Healy. The reverend gentleman, while cycling down the main street to a sick call, collided with a dog and was pitched right over the handles of his machine. He was picked up unconscious and brought into the residence of Mr. Richard Boyle, Rev. Father Maxwell and Dr. Lyons were promptly on the scene. It was two hours before he could be removed.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

The "street preaching" fraternity lately visited Loughrea, but, needless to say, their reception in the historic town was not to their liking. The people don't require religion of that kind.

In the Dublin courts lately was an action of ejectment to recover possession of a fee-simple estate, value £10,000, in the counties of Galway and Mayo and in the town of Galway, the property of the late Christopher Peter O'Flaherty, barrister-at-law, who died intestate in September, 1896, unmarried. The plaintiffs are the eldest lineal male representatives of two of the three aunts of the deceased. When the case was called the defendant consented to a verdict and judgment for possession of two-thirds of all the premises and to pay over two-thirds of the same rates and profits of the said premises received by the defendant or Mr. Kilkelly or any other person for her, and render an account of same if required.

Mr. Denis Tierney, T. C., Ballinasloe, died suddenly May 28. As he had not attended to business in the store at 10 A. M., as usual, a person went to his room and found him dying. He was only 45 years of age, unmarried, and spent thirty-five years in Ballinasloe,

where he was honored and esteemed by all. The funeral procession on Sunday and proceeded to the cemetery, Creagh crossing the greater portion of the entire route. The Rev. Father Joyce headed a procession of the male members of the Confraternity of the Holy Family, followed by the members of the Urban Council; then came the priests and the hearse, after which followed the relatives as chief mourners. The funeral service was performed by the Rev. Father Bowes, administrator, assisted by Father D. Coghlan, Aughrim; Father J. Coghlan, Laughmaconnell; Father Joyce, Father Flynn and Father Kelly, of Ballinasloe.

LEITRIM.

The Shannon Development Company have put on daily steamers from Carrick to Roskeel. The fare has been raised from 1s. to 2s. 6d., and the number of passengers is exceedingly small. An occasional excursion trip on Sundays to Athlone would help to make the route more popular, and it is to be hoped, the company will consider this point also.

Mrs. Mary Anne Kelly, daughter of Mr. Michael Bree, D. C., Strandhill, died of pneumonia, in Mohill, May 22. The remains were conveyed from Mohill to the Sligo railway station, from whence they were brought to Killaspugbrone burial ground. A very large number of mourning friends attended the funeral.

MAYO.

Miss McManus, of Killeddan, Kiltimagh, the gifted author of "The Silk of the Kine," "Lally of the Brigade," and several other well-known works, addressed a meeting in Castlebar in a splendid speech in defence of the Irish language.

On May 25 occurred the death of Mr. John Casey, principal teacher of Newport National School. Mr. Casey was only thirty-three years of age, and was a first-class teacher. Owing to his ability, he was selected by the Very Rev. Canon Greely as teacher of Newport School, the principal one in the district. The illness which caused his death was only of a few days' duration. The funeral from Newport to Burrishoole was numerously attended.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held in Ballaghaderreen lately to establish a branch of the Gaelic League. Arrangements were made for the formation of Irish classes. Speeches were delivered in Irish, and it was evident from the very frequent comments in Irish and from the manner in which the addresses were received that three-fourths of 2,000 persons perfectly understood and thoroughly appreciated the speeches.

ROSCOMMON.

The Catholics of Roscommon may well be proud of the magnificent new church rapidly nearing completion. It will be a testimony to the strong Catholic feeling which permeates the people of the town and county, and more especially to the zeal and love of his flock, which inspired the Right Rev. Monsignor McLoughlin, P. P., to undertake the work.

With regret we have to chronicle the death of Mr. Hugh Higgins, of Kingsland, Roscommon. Following in an extremely short time the death of a sister, it made the sad event doubly painful. After a short illness from pneumonia, he breathed his last on May 29. On Tuesday the remains were removed to the chapel, and laid before the altar which he himself had erected to the glory of God. The funeral took place on Wednesday after solemn mass had been celebrated for the repose of his soul, and the large and respectable cortege that attended amply testified to the high esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held in his native parish.

On May 1, at the Benedictine Monastery of Princethorpe, Rugby, England, there passed to her eternal reward Madam Josephine O'Connor, in religion M. M. Charles, daughter of the late and sister of the present Right Hon. O'Connor Don. She, at an early age, with four of her sisters, entered the severe Order of St. Benedict, and few except those who were inmates of Princethorpe knew of the extreme interest she and her sisters took in the pupils of that great educational establishment who were of Irish nationality. Daughters of a royal race, they sought to make their Irish pupils in all things worthy of the land they loved so well that from many an Irish home will be uttered a cry of regret for Mother Mary Charles' death.

SLIGO.

The usual monthly meeting of South Sligo Executive was held May 21. Mr. J. O'Dowd, C. C., presided. Ten branches were represented. Eighteen branches are affiliated—Ballymote, Minnaminde, Riverstown, Moylough, Curry, Kesh, Ballinacra, Aclare, Sooy, Highwood, Culladra, Conway's Cross, Ballintogher, Geevagh, Gorteen. As regards Connor and Flannery, in the absence of further information they stand by former decision, and same rule was made in O'Garra case. The decision of arbitration was upheld; Durkan's case to be settled by arbitration.—John McLoughlin, J. Gilmartin, secs.

A meeting of the Artisans of Sligo was held in the Dominican Church, Sligo, May 23, in response to a circular issued to assist the Dominican Fathers in enlarging their church. The Very Rev. Father Flynn, O. P. (prior) presided. Mr. Michael McCarrick was appointed secretary to the meeting. Alderman McCarrick proposed the first resolution: "That we, the artisans of Sligo, deem it our duty as a tribute of devotion and veneration to the Dominican Fathers, to erect two confessionals in Holy Cross Church," which was adopted unanimously.